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The American people are becoming concerned about a "trigger-happy foreign policy" in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Lebanon and the Caribbean island of Grenada, Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., said Wednesday.

"Our invasion of Grenada has to be considered against the backdrop of multiplying American military involvement around the globe," Eagleton said in a statement about recent events.

"We have the American-CIA-sponsored war in Nicaragua and it is not being won. We have the American-financed and American-advised war in El Salvador and it is not being won. We have 1,600 American Marines involved in the war in Lebanon and it is not being won.

"No doubt we can win a war in pitiful Grenada and thus a talk-tough Reagan administration could do tough in a tiny island nation of 110,000 people.

"The notion that American nationals were endangered is flimsy, illusory, and hypothetical. The test of the premise will be our instant departure from Grenada once the Americans are gathered up. We all know there will be no such instant departure; hence, the rescue premise won't stand up.

"Finally, there is the question of the War Powers Act. Self-evidently it applies. Yet, as before in Lebanon, the administration refuses to invoke the key provisions which put a 60 to 90 day time limit on our forces in Grenada. Once again, Congress and the president are in a face-off over the War Powers Act."